



Multiple times Jesus had said that he must go to Jerusalem where he would offer himself up as the Lamb provided by God for the sins of all the world.

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion,  
 'Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
 on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." (Matt 21:1-11)

Clearly, Matthew wants to make sure we understand: this was a very significant event, so what do we need to see? We want to cross paths with Jesus and follow him for the rest of our lives, so what did all of this mean? Let's dig in...





# For Class & Family Discussion:

1. What do you make of Jesus' words in Matthew 21:1-3?
2. What does Matthew want to make sure we understand in Matthew 21:4-5? What is he quoting?
3. Is this the way most kings would enter a great city? If not, why would Jesus choose to enter in the way that he did?
4. In your own words, what is the crowd communicating in Matthew 21:9? And what about Luke 19:37-38?
5. Jesus makes a strange statement to some of the Pharisees in Luke 19:39-40. What do you think he meant?
6. The apostle Paul makes an interesting statement in 2 Corinthians 2:14-17. What do you think he means by that?
7. So what about us? We want not only to "cross paths" with Jesus, but to walk with him as his disciples. So what should we carry away with us from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem?